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Pittsfield, July 10, 1871.

Dear Wife:

I reached Auburn on Friday at dinner time, and found that Mr. and Mrs. Wright were not only hoping, but somewhat confidently expecting that I would make them a visit, especially as I had not been able to have any conversation with them at the funeral the day previous. After dinner Mr. Wright took me through Mr. Osborne's immense reaping and mowing machine factory, and I was greatly interested in all I saw. Then Mrs. Osborne took Mrs. Wright and myself in her carriage, and gave me a chance to see Auburn and its suburbs. It was a charming drive. On returning, Mrs. Worden, the sister of Mrs. Seward, spent an hour with us, and we had a very pleasant chat - chat on a variety of topics. Then, having made up my mind that I would go to Peterboro', and spend the Sunday with my dear friend Gerrit Smith, I wrote to Fanny, telling her that she must not look for me before Monday night.

Saturday, after breakfast, Mrs. Osborne again kindly came with her carriage, to give me a chance to see the beautiful lake a few miles from the city. Home engagements prevented her going, but Mr. and Mrs. Wright were my companions, and made the excursion particularly agreeable. The lake is indeed a beautiful one, and its surroundings exceedingly attractive. Of course, I selected at least fifty delightful birding spots. Returning, we spent a half-hour at Mrs. Worden's, and then drove about the finest parts of Auburn, till it was time for me to take the 11 o'clock train for Syracuse. Before leaving, Mr. Wright took me into the State Prison to see something of its internal arrangements. These seemed to me uncommonly good for such an institution.

Our Auburn friends expressed much regret that I could not remain longer, and I was very sorry to part from them. Getting to Syracuse at half past 12, I went immediately to Mr. Wilkinson's, and took lunch with his wife, and Charlotte Coffin, Mr. Meath, John Edward

and Joseph May, &c. Mr. Wilkinson came in
afterward. At 5 o'clock, Mr. Scott and I left
in the train for Canastota, where we found Ger-
rit Smith's carriage waiting for us. His residence
is about 9 miles from that station, and to reach
an ascension of 900 feet is necessary. A Mrs.
Blackmer, a relative of G. S., together with her
daughter and a young man "paying attentions" to
the latter, were with us, making a full load. The
views by the way were of the finest character,
and the weather perfect. It was 8 o'clock in the
evening before we reached our destination. We found
quite a large circle gathered, mostly relatives, and
had a cordial greeting, especially from Mr. and
Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith seemed feeble, espe-
cially in his lower limbs, and probably feels
that he is liable to be suddenly called away, as
was dear Mr. May, of whom he spoke in the
most affectionate and admiring terms. Gen.
Cochrane, whom I met at his house at my visit
six years ago, was of the company. Also, Mrs.
^{Walter} Wallace and her deaf and dumb daughter.

Sunday forenoon Mr. Alcott spoke to a small audience on the Church of the Future. In the afternoon he gave one of his conversations on perfection of character and hereditary evil, in which several participated. I spoke on another subject, but very briefly. Then we both addressed the Sunday school children. In the evening, we had another conversation, but it was in Mr. Smith's drawing-room.

This morning we came back to Canastota, and took the train for Albany, arriving at 4 P.M. At 5 I took the train for this place, where I am to spend the night; and at 4.20 shall continue on my journey, reaching Springfield at 7, and hoping to be in Northampton before 9, A.M. If the "lightning train" from Syracuse this morning had stopped at Canastota, I should have been in Northampton to-night. Fanny will be greatly disappointed at my not coming.

Nothing from home has been received since I left, but to-morrow I hope to get a line from you when I see Fanny. I am in excellent health, but need sleep. Farewell, dearest! W.L.G.

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